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SUBJECT: U.S.- LEBANON CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS

1. DURING FIRST TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS, DELEGATIONS GAVE THEIR RESPECTIVE OVERALL VIEWS OF SITUATION. LEBDEL, AS EXPECTED, WANTS CONTINUE ITS PRESENT ROUTE RIGHTS, AS WELL AS EXPAND TO INCLUDE WESTBOUND FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS BEYOND NEW YORK. MAIN POINTS ADVANCED BY USDEL WERE THAT (A) THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT LEBANON NOW OBTAINING GREATER BENEFITS FROM BILATERAL, DESPITE FACT MEA NOT USING ITS RIGHTS; (B) THIS IMBALANCE WOULD CLEARLY INCREASE WERE MEA TO SERVE U.S.; (C) TMA'S OPERATIONS WERE OVER 90 PERCENT FIFTH FREEDOM; AND (D) ANY MEA SERVICE HAD POTENTIAL OF BEING PREDOMINANTLY SIXTH FREEDOM.

2. USDEL SAID PAN AM EARNED \$24 MILLION IN 1974, WHILE LEBDEL DATA SHOWED \$31.7 MILLION (\$28.9 EXCLUDING MAIL). ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCE COULD NOT BE FULLY EXPLAINED, WE ARGUED THAT U.S. DATA WAS MORE ACCURATE. TMA SAID IT EARNED \$22 MILLION IN 1974, WHICH WE DID NOT CONTEST, BUT TRIED ARGUE THAT USE OF 747 IN 1975 WOULD NOT GIVE IT MORE THAN PAN AM WOULD EARN THIS YEAR.

3. MEA SAID THAT IT COULD BREAK EVEN IN 1977

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OPERATING A DAILY 707 BEIRUT-NEW YORK SERVICE AND

WOULD EARN \$15.3 MILLION, COMPARED WITH A PROJECTED
\$27.9 MILLION FOR TMA AND \$42.2 MILLION FOR PAN AM.
WE NOTED THAT EVEN THIS WOULD GIVE LEBANON MORE
THAN U.S. AND THAT REAL POTENTIAL WAS FOR A FAR
GREATER IMBALANCE IN FAVOR OF LEBANON.

4. WE EXPECT ADDRESS QUESTION OF SPECIFIC POSITIONS
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10.
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